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Conservation Commission Minutes 12/16/2010

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 December 16, 2010

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, Curt Connors and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Tim Williams, Adelaide Grady, Richard Dickason and Bruce Whelple were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Mr. White reported that the last section of pipe was installed at 50 Lowell St as well as the repair to the concrete channel carrying Mill Brook near Ryder St.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the repair of the path with sta-crete at Linwood Circle in Spy Pond Park was also completed.

Connors/Tirone motioned to approve the 12/2 minutes as edited; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whelple reported on the broken water pipe at 86 Coolidge Rd that the fire department turned off. And it appears that the house has no one living in it.

7:45pm - Executive Session - this item was continued to 1/6 at 7:45pm

8pm Notice of Intent – 30-50 Mill St apartment building

This hearing was continued from 12/2.

Ms. Grady presented a check for the balance of filing fees due to the Commission.

Mr. Williams presented the responses to questions from the Commission, regarding small adjustments to the floodplain calculations, details of the walls of the garage, snow storage and operations, the clay groundwater barrier, fire truck access, stormwater drainage information, fertilizer information, and minor amendments to the Operations and Maintenance (O+M) plan.

The Commission asked for copies of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) required for the NPDES permit and the Letter of Map Amendment for the FEMA floodplain changes. Mr. Tirone asked for details of the concrete washing area in the SWPPP.

The board asked for final architectural plans showing the wall details of the garage within the floodplain.

The board required that the project permit include a condition to allow only phosphorus-free fertilizers during the first three years after installation of plants and at the time of replacement of plants.

The board asked that the O+M plan state that no snow be placed in the water quality swale and the Mill Brook, and that snow fence be installed along the edge of the swale between the northwest corner of the parking area and the swale.

The Commission will condition that no hay is used for erosion control as it spreads weed seeds. Straw, sedimentation fabric or mulch-filled tubes shall be utilized instead.

White/Reed motioned to close the hearing, at the applicant's request; motion passed unanimously. The Applicant consented to additional time (to January 7, 2011) for the Commission to issue its decision.

The Commission will deliberate, consider the amended materials and vote at the next meeting on Jan. 6, 2011.

9pm Amendments to Bylaw Regulations

This item was continued 1/6 at 8:45pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator